10553416 - GAU: 2895

039262-0143

Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0031 U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid QMB control number

of 1

Substitute for form 1449B/PTO Complete if Known INFORMATION DISCLOSURE **Application Number** Unassigned STATEMENT BY APPLICANT Filing Date 10/17/2005 First Named Inventor Tadahiro OHMI Date Submitted: November 15, 2005 Group Art Unit Unassigned (use as many sheets as necessary) **Examiner Name** Unassigned

Attomey Docket Number

| U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS |              |                      |   |  |                              |  |  |
|-----------------------|--------------|----------------------|---|--|------------------------------|--|--|
| Examiner<br>Initials* | Cite<br>No.1 | U.S. Patent Document |   |  | Date of Publication of       | Pages, Columns, Lines,<br>Where Relevant |  |
|                       |              | Number               | Kind<br>Code <sup>2</sup> (if<br>known) | Name of Patentee or Applicant of<br>Cited Document | Cited Document<br>MM-DD-YYYY | Passages or Relevant<br>Figures Appear   |  |
|                       |              |                      |   |  |                              |  |  |
|                       |              |                      |   |  |                              |  |  |
|                       |              |                      |   |  |                              |  |  |
|                       |              |                      |   |  |                              |  |  |
|                       |              |                      | <del> </del>                            |  |                              |  |  |

| FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS |              |        |  |                                     |   |  |  |          |
|--------------------------|--------------|--------|--|-------------------------------------|---|--|--|----------|
| Examiner<br>Initials*    | Cite<br>No.1 | Office | oreign Patent D<br>Number <sup>4</sup> | Nocument<br>Kind Code<br>(if known) | Name of Patentee or<br>Applicant of Cited Documents | Date of Publication of<br>Cited Document<br>MM-DD-YYYY | Pages, Columns, Lines,<br>Where Relevant<br>Passages or Relevant<br>Figures Appear | Te       |
| /T.T./                   | B1           | wo     | 97/39476                               |                                     | MATSUSHITA ELECTRIC INDUSTRIAL CO., LTD.            | 03-17-1995   |  | A        |
|                          |              |        |  |                                     |   |  |  | ┢        |
|                          |              |        |  |                                     |   |  |  | $\vdash$ |
|                          |              |        |  |                                     |   |  |  | L        |
|                          |              |        |  |                                     | -   |  |  | F        |

|                       |              | NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS  | _ |
|-----------------------|--------------|--|---|
| Examiner<br>Initials* | Cite<br>No.1 | Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the<br>item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.) date, page(s), volume-issue number(s),<br>publisher, city and/or country where published. | т |
| /T.T./                | B2           | M. <u>SATOH</u> , et al., "Rapid Oxidation of SiC Using Microwave-Discharged 02 Plasma at Low Temperatures (<300°C)," Jap. J. of Applied Physics, Part 2, March 1, 2002, Vol. 41:3A, pp. L233-L235.  |   |
|                       |              |  |   |

| Examiner<br>Signature | /Thien Tran/ | Date<br>Considered | 10/23/2008 |
|-----------------------|--------------|--------------------|------------|
|-----------------------|--------------|--------------------|------------|

\*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

Unique citation designation number. See attached Kinds of U.S. Patent Documents. Enter Office that Issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the setal number of the patent document. "Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 (Possible. "Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chair Information Officer, U.S. Patient and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandra, V.A. 2213-1450, DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patients, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandra, V.A. 22313-1450,

Sheet

1